

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend Claims 35, 36, 38 and 39 to read as follows:

35. (Amended) A sanitary napkin for mounting onto the bodyside of a crotch portion of an undergarment, and, during use, absorbing bodily excretions, comprising:

an elongated absorbent pad having a longitudinal axis, a longitudinally extending central portion and opposite longitudinal side edges, said side edges being deflectable with respect to said central portion, and including an absorbent contained between a bodyside, liquid-permeable cover and a garment side, liquid-impermeable baffle; and

control means for selectively controlling deflection of said side edges during use, said control means being anchorable under said crotch portion of said undergarment, said anchoring establishing a generally downward pull on said side edges and preventing said side edges from folding in toward said absorbent, wherein said control means comprises first and second opposite garment attachment panels, extending generally downward and inward from an underside of said absorbent pad adjacent to said side edges; and

wherein said garment attachment panels include a fixed portion attached to the underside of said absorbent pad toward said side edge and a free portion diverging from the underside of said absorbent pad for, during use, extending under said crotch portion of said undergarment; and

including means for anchoring said free portions of said garment attachment panels so as to establish a predetermined deflection of said side edges and to facilitate accurate mounting of said sanitary napkin on said undergarment, and

wherein said means for anchoring said free portions of said garment attachment panels comprises mating fastener elements, one on each of said garment attachment panels, said means for anchoring said free portions being configured, on one of said garment attachment panels, in a width of from about 0.25 to about 1.0 inches; and on the other of said garment attachment panels, in a width of from about 0.25 to about 3.0 inches.

36. (Amended) The sanitary napkin of claim 35, wherein the predetermined deflection of said side edges biases said absorbent pad into an upwardly convex form, closely fitting the body.